

Virginia

1. Duties of lead certified contractors

Va. Code Ann. Â§ 40.1-51.20 (Michie 1994).

Requires that any licensed contractor or lead inspector notify the department of labor and industry at least 20 days prior to the commencement of an asbestos or lead project. Also requires that the licensed or certified contractor obtain a permit for the project and pay a fee. The licensed or certified contractor must also keep records for thirty years containing details of the project.

2. Certification of Lead Contractors, Professionals and Workers

Va. Code Ann. Â§ 54.1-500 to 54.1-517 (Michie 1998).

Relates to certification of lead contractors, professionals, and workers. Provides that lead hazard reduction activities meet the requirements of the federal program;

- Lead abatement is defined as any set of measures that is designed to permanently eliminate lead based paint hazards including contaminated dust or soil;
- Lead based paint is defined as paint or surface coatings that contain lead equal to or in excess of 1.0 milligrams per square centimeter or more than .5 percent by weight;
- The Virginia Board for Asbestos and Lead shall approve the criteria for accredited lead training programs and principal instructors;
- This statute does not apply to any person who performs lead based paint activities within a residence which they own unless the residence is occupied by person or persons other than the owner or owner's immediate family while these activities are being conducted or a child is residing in the property and has been identified as having an elevated blood-lead level.
- Revises the authority of the Board for Asbestos and Lead to promulgate regulations for lead training, certification and accreditation that are no more stringent than the federal requirements in either proposed or final Environmental Protection Agency rules.